

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re:) Chapter 9
)
CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,) Case No. 13-53846
)
Debtor.) Hon. Steven W. Rhodes

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(a) and (d) and Rule 8001 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Association (“RDPFFA”), Donald Taylor, individually, and as President of the RDPFFA, the Detroit Retired City Employees Association (“DRCEA”) and Shirley V. Lightsey, individually, and as President of the DRCEA (collectively “Retiree Association Parties”), through their counsel, Lippitt O’Keefe, PLLC and Silverman & Morris, P.L.L.C., file this notice of appeal of the Opinion Regarding Eligibility (dkt. 1945) and the Order for Relief Under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code (dkt. 1946) entered on December 5, 2013 by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (together, the “Eligibility Order”). Attached as Exhibit 1 is a Bankruptcy Matter Civil Case Cover Sheet.

The names of all parties to the Eligibility Order, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of their respective attorneys are set forth below. In addition, approximately 92 individuals were invited to address the Bankruptcy Court at the hearing on September 19, 2013 regarding their objections to eligibility (the “Individual Objectors”). The Individual Objectors are listed on Exhibit 2.

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EXHIBIT 1

Bankruptcy Matter Civil Case Cover Sheet

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Case No.: 13-53846-swr

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CAUSE OF ACTION/NATURE OF SUIT: (This matter is referred to the district court for the following reasons)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[422] 28 U.S.C. 158	Bankruptcy Appeal
<input type="checkbox"/>	[422] 28 U.S.C. 158	Motion for Leave to Appeal
<input type="checkbox"/>	[423] 28 U.S.C. 157(d)	Motion for Withdrawal of Reference
<input type="checkbox"/>	[423] 28 U.S.C. 157(c) (1)	Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law
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Name and Address of Interested Parties: See lists attached to Notice of Appeal

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